## WHAT CAN I BUY WITH WIC CHECKS?

WIC checks are easy to use. Just take them with you when you go food shopping and use them to get free healthy food, including:

MILK **EGGS** CEREAL **FRUIT JUICE** CHEESE **INFANT FORMULA CARROTS** PEANUT BUTTER DRIED BEANS/PEAS **TUNA** 

Do you have any questions? Contact WIC today to learn more. Call the WIC office closest to you (see back panel) or 1-800-WIC-1007 (1-800-942-1007), or visit www.mass.gov/wic.

### To find out about WIC, call 1-800-WIC-1007 or a program near you.

Boston area			
Blue Hill Corridor	(617) 822-5584		
Brighton/Roslindale	(617) 789-2439		
Cambridge/Somerville	(617) 666-5059		
Chelsea/Revere	(617) 887-4340		
Dorchester North	(617) 825-8994		
Dorchester South	(617) 825-0805		
East Boston	(617) 568-6400 x0		
Jamaica Plain	(617) 983-6086		
Roxbury	(617) 989-3055		
South Boston	(617) 464-5850		
South Cove	(617) 521-6777		
South End	(617) 425-2070		
Cape	, ,		
Cape Cod	(800) 942-2445		
Outer Cape	(800) 675-1188		
Central			
Framingham/Waltham	(508) 620-1445		
North Central	(978) 345-6272 x1		
South Central	(508) 765-0139		
Worcester	(508) 860-7744		
Northeast	. ,		
Lawrence	(978) 681-4960		
Lowell	(978) 454-6397		
Malden/Everett	(781) 338-7578		
North Shore	(781) 599-7290		
Northern Essex	(978) 374-2191		
Southeast			
Brockton	(508) 588-8241		
Fall River	(508) 679-9349		
New Bedford	(508) 997-1500		
Plymouth	(508) 747-4933		
Quincy	(617) 376-4190		
Taunton/Attleboro	(508) 823-6346 x 227		
Western			
Berkshire North	(413) 445-9429		
Berkshire South	(413) 528-0457		
Franklin/No. Quabbin	(413) 376-1160		
Hampshire County	(413) 584-3591		
Holyoke/Chicopee	(413) 534-2460		
Springfield North	(413) 737-8868		
Springfield South	(413) 693-1029		



#### WHAT IS WIC?

WIC is a nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, healthy food and other services free of charge to Massachusetts families who qualify. WIC stands for Women, Infants and Children.

#### WHAT DOES WIC OFFER?

WIC's goal is to help keep pregnant and breastfeeding women and kids under age 5 healthy. To do this, WIC provides:

- Personalized nutrition consultations
- · Checks to buy free, healthy food
- Tips for eating well to improve health
- Referrals for medical and dental care, health insurance, child care, housing and fuel assistance, and other services that can benefit the whole family

But that's not all! WIC also offers immunization screening and referral, breastfeeding support, and nutrition and health workshops on a variety of topics including meal planning, maintaining a healthy weight, picky eaters, caring for a new baby, and shopping on a budget.

#### WHO IS WIC FOR?

WIC is for all kinds of families: married and single parents, working or not working. If you are a father, mother, grandparent, foster parent or other legal guardian of a child under 5, you can apply for WIC for your child.

You can participate in WIC if you:

- Live in Massachusetts
- Have a nutritional need (WIC staff can help you determine this)
- Are a child under 5, or a pregnant or breastfeeding woman, and
- Have a family income less than WIC guidelines (shown below)

#### WIC INCOME GUIDELINES

If you currently get TAFDC, Food Stamps or MassHealth (Medicaid), you are automatically income eligible. Foster kids under age 5 are automatically eligible for WIC.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$18,130	\$1,511	\$349
2	24,420	2,035	470
3	30,710	2,560	591
4	37,000	3,084	833
5	43,290	3,608	712
6	49,580	4,132	954
7	55,870	4,656	1,196
8	62,160	5,180	1,075

IF YOU ARE PREGNANT, YOU SHOULD COUNT YOURSELF AS TWO.

# CAN MEN PARTICIPATE IN WIC?

WIC welcomes men! WIC recognizes
the important role that
fathers, grandparents,
stepparents, and
other guardians
play in caring
for kids.
Fathers and
other caregivers
of kids under 5
are encouraged to
enroll and bring kids
to appointments, attend nutrition and health
workshops, and use WIC checks in
grocery stores.

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR WIC?

Call the WIC Program office in your community to set up an appointment (see back for phone numbers) or call 1-800-WIC-1007. Many WIC offices are open in the evenings and on Saturdays so you do not have to miss work. Walk-ins are always welcome.

